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### Summary

**AI reports & statements:** Annual Report 2002 (covering events in 2001) / intimidation of human rights activists in Algeria / execution of Napoleon Beazley, USA

**Further news:** pathologists receive death threats, Kenya / appeal against sentence of death by stoning, Nigeria / interview with human rights investigator, USA / execution of Napoleon Beazley, USA

### Publications

### Amnesty International reports & statements

#### **\*\*Release of Amnesty International Annual Report 2002 (covering events in 2001)\*\***

Amnesty International released its annual report covering last year's events on 28 May. It outlines human rights violations in 152 countries: <http://web.amnesty.org/web/ar2002.nsf>

Press release (POL 10/006/2002): <http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/POL100062002>

Good news stories for 2001 (ORG 10/004/2002): <http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/ORG100042002>

Also see, for example, *BBC*, 'Human rights 'suffer in terror crackdown' (28 May).

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/world/newsid\\_2012000/2012176.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/world/newsid_2012000/2012176.stm)

#### **Press releases**

*Algeria: Intimidation of human rights activists must stop.* 24 May (MDE 28/038/2002).

Abderrahmane Khelil, an activist working on the issue of the "disappeared", and his friend Sid Ahmed Mourad were arrested on 19 May for "inciting an unarmed gathering".

<http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/MDE280382002>

*USA: Killing hope, confirming hypocrisy - Texas executes another child offender.* 29 May (AMR 51/082/2002).

Napoleon Beazley was executed on 28 May despite international appeals for clemency.

<http://web.amnesty.org/ai.nsf/recent/AMR510822002>

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### Further news

**Kenya - pathologists receive death threats.** Two forensic pathologists, Dr Moses Njue and Dr Andrew Gachie, have reportedly received death threats following documentation of torture. The pathologists carried out an autopsy on the body of Paul Kimani Wambiru who was found dead shortly after his release from Nyeri Police Station, Central Province. They noted evidence of torture in their reports and concluded Paul Wambiru had died as a result of these injuries. Subsequently they were reportedly asked by authorities to change the findings in their autopsy reports. Furthermore, the two pathologists have reportedly received death threats following the post-mortem examination. The source of the threats is unknown. (no link available)

**Nigeria - appeal against sentence of death by stoning.** On 3 June Amina Awal will appeal against the death sentence imposed on her by a Shari'a court in Katsina state. Amina Awal was convicted of adultery and sentenced to death by stoning on 22 March 2002 (no link available).

**USA - interview with human rights investigator.** The *Washington Post* (24 May) interviewed Peter Bouckaert, researcher for the emergencies program of Human Rights Watch. Recently he travelled to Jenin refugee camp.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A2128-2002May23.html>

**USA - execution of Napoleon Beazley.** On 28 May Napoleon Beazley was executed. Napoleon Beazley was convicted for the murder of John Luttig, committed when he was 17.

See *BBC*, 29 May, 'Texas killer executed despite world pressure':

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/world/americas/newsid\\_2012000/2012466.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/world/americas/newsid_2012000/2012466.stm)

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Also see *BBC*, 'Doctors urge rubber bullets ban', 23 May:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/health/newsid\\_2003000/2003999.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/english/health/newsid_2003000/2003999.stm)

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